

ATTACHMENT A OF REISSUE APPLICATION DECLARATION
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... Claim 1 is arguably subject to an incorrect interpretation that the "packaged integrated circuit" could be mounted on a substrate or the like with the "back surface" of the die facing towards the substrate so that the "protective film" would be disposed intermediate the "die" and the substrate.

Prior art exists disclosing a die mounted on the substrate by way of some adhering agent, such as an adhesive, where the adhering agent could possibly be considered to be the claimed "protective film". See, for example, USPNo. 5,504,374 that issued on April 2, 1996 and entitled "Microcircuit Package Assembly Utilizing Large Size Die and Low Temperature Curing Organic Die Attach Material". This prior art patent discloses a die 14 mounted on a substrate 12 by way of an adhesive die attach 16. Thus, such prior art places the validity of Claim 1 in some doubt when the claim is interpreted in the manner described above.

Claim 1 is being amended by way of the enclosed Amendment referenced above to recite that the "first surface of the die" includes a "plurality of electrical contact bumps" such as bumps 106 depicted in Fig. 2 of the subject reissue application. Prior art packaged integrated circuits having "contact bumps" are mounted with the bumps adjacent a supporting substrate on a substrate or the like with the "contact bumps" facing the substrate so that the claimed "protective film" would not be disposed between the "die" and the substrate. Prior art flip-chip circuits utilize contact bumps such as disclosed in USPNo. 5,311,059 issued on May 10, 1994 and entitled "Backplane Grounding for Flip-Chip Integrated Circuit". This patent discloses the use of a metallic coating 14 on what could be considered to be the "back surface" of the chip 10 which functions as a ground

plane for the chip. However, Claim 1 recites that the thickness of the "protective layer" is between 1.5 and 5 mils, and there is no teaching regarding the thickness of the metallic coating 14 of this prior art patent.

New Claims 7 – 10 have been added by way of the Amendment referenced above. These claims all depend from Claim 1 and thus further limit the claim.

New Claim 11 has been added which is also directed to a packaged integrated circuit. A "protective film" is included which again is disposed on a "back surface" of a "die". The "protective film" includes "laser identification markings". The prior art noted above does not disclose an adhering agent or the like which could be construed as a "protective film" and which further includes "laser identification markings" as recited in new Claim 11. New Claims 12 – 15 depend, either directly or indirectly, from independent Claim 11 and thus further limit the claim.

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I hereby declare that:

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I am authorized to act on behalf of the following assignee: National Semiconductor Corporationand the title of my position with said assignee is: Member of the Technical Staff of the
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The entire title to the patent identified below is vested in said assignee.

Name of Patentee(s):

Pai-Hsiang Kao, et al.

Patent Number

6,023,094

Date of Patent Issued

February 8, 2000

Title of Invention

Semiconductor Wafer Having A Bottom Surface Protective CoatingI believe said patentee(s) to be the original, first and sole/joint inventor(s) of the subject matter which is described and claimed in said patent, for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled Semiconductor Wafer Having A Bottom Surface Protective Coating

the specification of which

- is attached hereto, together with the accompanying Preliminary Amendment.
- was filed on _____ as reissue application number _____ / _____
and was amended on _____
(If applicable)

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

I verily believe the original patent to be wholly or partly inoperative or invalid, for the reasons described below. (Check all boxes that apply.)

- by reason of a defective specification or drawing.
- by reason of the patentee claiming more or less than he had the right to claim in the patent.
- by reason of other errors.

At least one error upon which reissue is based is described as follows:

Claim 1 of the original patent recites that the claimed "packaged integrated circuit" includes a "protective film adhered directly to a back surface of ... [a] die" ... (See Attachment A to Reissue Application Declaration)

[Attach additional sheets, if needed.]

All errors corrected in this reissue application arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant.

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PAI-HSIANG KAO, et al.

Patent No. 6,023,094

Issued: February 8, 2000

For: **SEMICONDUCTOR WAFER HAVING
A BOTTOM SURFACE PROTECTIVE
COATING**

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Sir:

National Semiconductor Corporation, assignee of U.S. Patent No. 6,023,094 by assignment records at reel 8951, frame 0774 on January 14, 1998, consents to the filing of the present application for the reissue of U.S. Patent No. 6,023,094.

Further, National Semiconductor Corporation hereby offers to surrender U.S. Patent No. 6,023,094 pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.178(a).

The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of National Semiconductor Corporation in this matter.

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